

BALLET SAN JOSE

PRESS RELEASE

OUR HEROS ARE MAKING APPEARANCES ALL OVER THE VALLEY

On Saturday, December 2, Ballet San Jose marched in the Los Gatos Holiday Parade. Well, most of our volunteers marched, while our Nutcracker and Maria were chauffeured through the parade route by Operating Board member Marie LoPresto in a brand new Mazda Miata provided by Board of Governing Trustees member Anita Del Grande (of the Del Grande Dealer Group.)



Our handsome Nutcracker was played by John Haller and Maria was (his real-life wife) Jodi Porter, who is also the Associate School Director of Ballet San Jose SCHOOL.



The streets were crammed with thousands of kids and families, and as our car came into view at each location, dozen screamed out, "Hey Nutty...over here!" Of course, he waved and saluted dutifully.

Rumor is that all of that attention was making Maria a little bit jealous; but Nutty seemed to like it.



This is a busy time for our Nutcracker characters. Earlier in the week Nutty and Maria along with half-a-dozen little mice from the show made a special guest appearance at the Tech Museum's Annual Holiday Party, and on Sunday December 3rd they marched in the San Jose Holiday Parade along with the Mouse King and his minions.



Other appearances have been at Santana Row and the Fairmont Hotel Tree Lighting Ceremonies. Still to come are the [Nutcracker Ball](#) at San Jose Museum of Art on opening night, December 14th and the [Nutcracker Teas](#). And, of course, Nutty, Maria and the Mouse King will greet families and pose for photos before every performance of THE NUTCRACKER, December 14 through 24 at San Jose Center for the Performing Arts.